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ING REGULATIONS

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ON JUNE 3, 1975 WE RESPONDED TO YUGOSLAV MISSION NOTE NO. 702/75  
OF MAY 7, 1975 COMPLAINING ABOUT PARKING CONDITIONS IN NEW  
YORK CITY. TEXT OF OUR NOTE IS AS FOLLOWS:

UNITED STATES MISSION  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

JUUNE 2, 1975

THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS ITS  
COMPLIMENTS TO THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED  
NATIONS AND HAS THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE ITS NOTE NO. 702/75 DATED  
MAY 7, 1975 COMPLAINING ABOUT DIPLOMATIC PARKING IN THE CITY OF  
NEW YORK.

THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS HAS ON MANY  
OCCASIONS OUTLINED THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CITY  
OF NEW YORK ON THE SUBJECT. THE POSITION IS CLEAR AND UNAMBIGUOUS.  
IT IS THE DUTY OF MEMBERS OF MISSION TO RESPECT THE PARKING REGULA-  
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TIONS OF THE HOST COUNTRY. THE ISSUANCE OF PARKING TICKETS IS A

CORRECT AND PROPER EXERCISE OF LEGITIMATE POLICE POWERS.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT BY 1976 THE FEDERAL FRESH AIR ACT OF 1970. CARBON MONOXIDE LEVELS AT HEAVY TRAFFIC POINTS IN MANHATTAN REGULARLY EXCEED LEVELS CONSIDERED SAFE FOR HUMAN BEINGS IN THE AREA. PART OF THE ACTION PLAN DECIDED UPON BY THE AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK INVOLVES CUTTING TRAFFIC IN THE INNER CITY BY FIFTY PERCENT. ONE WAY TO CURB POLLUTION CAUSED BY VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IS THE ISSUANCE OF TRAFFIC TICKETS FOR ILLEGAL PARKING. THESE TICKETS ARE ISSUED ON A NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS TO THOSE VEHICLES ILLEGALLY PARKED.

THE UNITED STATES MISSION AGREES THAT LOCAL POLICE AND TRAFFIC OFFICERS MUST EXERCISE TACT AND UNDERSTANDING WITH MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY WHO MIGHT ENCOUNTER PROBLEMS WITH PARKING. IT IS HOPED THAT DIPLOMATS WILL MANIFEST UNDERSTANDING OF POLICE RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE FREQUENT DIFFICULTY IN CARRYING OUT THESE RESPONSIBILITIES.

THE UNITED STATES MISSION ALSO AGREES ON THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES OUT OF DIPLOMATIC PARKING SPACES. WHILE IT IS EXPECTED THAT DIPLOMATS WILL OBEY THE LOCAL PARKING REGULATIONS, IT IS ALSO EXPECTED THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES WILL DO THEIR BEST TO KEEP DIPLOMATIC PARKING SPACES RESERVED FOR THE MISSIONS TO WHOM THEY ARE ASSIGNED. MEMBERS OF THE YUGOSLAV MISSION SHOULD PHONE YU6-4321 AT THE NEW YORK CITY COMMISSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE CONSULAR CORPS WHEN THEY OBSERVE UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES IN THE RESERVED YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATIC PARKING SPACE. ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE FACT THAT NON-DIPLOMATIC VIOLATORS MUST PAY A \$25.00 FINE FOR TICKETS AND A \$50.00 CHARGE FOR TOWING.

ANY SIZEABLE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF RESERVED DIPLOMATIC SPACES IN THE FUTURE CANNOT BE ANTICIPATED. BY COMPARISON WITH OTHER MAJOR CITIES IN THE WORLD, IT CAN BE ATTESTED THAT NEW YORK CITY IS COMPARATIVELY LIBERAL IN ALLOWING PRIVILEGED PARKING FOR MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY. SOME MAJOR CITIES MAKE NO PROVISIONS FOR DIPLOMATIC PARKING AT ALL.

THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THE COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA  
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AND IS BRINGING THEM TO THE ATTENTION OF THE NEW YORK CITY COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE CONSULAR CORPS FOR ANY ACTION DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

THE UNITED STATES MISSION HAS ASKED THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES FOR A REPORT ON WHY THE NUMBER OF DIPLOMATIC PARKING SPACES ON FIFTH AVENUE BETWEEN 66TH AND 67TH STREETS HAS BEEN REDUCED. THE AUTHORITIES

ADVISED THAT AT ONE TIME, TWO DIPLOMATIC PARKING SPACES HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE PHILLIPPINE CONSULATE, TWO DIPLOMATIC PARKING SPACES TO THE PHILIPPINE MISSION AND TWO DIPLOMATIC PARKING SPACES TO THE YUGOSLAV MISSION. WHEN THE PHILIPPINE CONSULATE AND MISSION MOVED TO 556 FIFTH AVENUE, THE FOUR DIPLOMATIC PARKING SPACES WERE RE-LOCATED, LEAVING THE TWO DIPLOMATIC PARKING SPACES ASSIGNED TO THE YUGOSLAV MISSION. THEREFORE, NO REDUCTION IN RESERVED YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATIC PARKING SPACES HAS TAKEN PLACE. THE YUGOSLAV MISSION HAD TWO PARKING SPACES THEN AND CONTINUES TO HAVE TWO PARKING SPACES.

IN OCTOBER 1973, IN AN EFFORT TO HELP MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS FIND LEGAL PARKING SPACES, THE METROPOLITAN GARAGE BOARD OF TRADE ISSUED A GUIDE TO MANHATTAN PARKING GARAGES. A NUMBER OF THESE GARAGES ARE IN THE VICINITY OF THE YUGOSLAV MISSION. A COPY OF THE GUIDE IS ATTACHED FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE USE BY THE YUGOSLAV MISSION. IN THIS CONNECTION THE UNITED STATES MISSION RECALLS THAT THE COMMITTEE ON HOST COUNTRY RELATIONS ASKED THAT MISSIONS ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN OFF-STREET PARKING FOR DIPLOMATIC VEHICLES ASSIGNED TO THE MISSIONS.

THE UNITED STATES MISSION BELIEVES THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY MUST RE-EXAMINE ITS PARKING PRACTICES IN THE LIGHT OF CURRENT CONDITIONS IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK. THE UNITED STATES MISSION PLEDGES ITS COOPERATION AND GOOD WIL AND HOPES FOR SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS FROM THE YUGOSLAV MISSION AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY.

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